

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Section 63.71 Application of

General Communication, Inc. and General
Communication, Corp.

For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of The
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To
Discontinue the Provision of Service

File No.

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF GCI

General Communication, Inc. and General Communication, Corp. (collectively, "GCI") hereby apply for authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act, as amended (the "Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue offering Frame Relay Service.

As required by Section 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, GCI is providing the following information:

Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

General Communication, Inc.
2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

GCI Communication, Corp.
2550 Denali Street, Suite 1000
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

GCI plans to discontinue offering this service to its customers on or after September 30, 2016, subject to Commission authorization of the discontinuance.

Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

GCI will discontinue offering this service in GCI's service area throughout Alaska. GCI does not offer the service elsewhere.

Brief Description of Type of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

GCI is discontinuing the offering of Frame Relay service, which is a packet data service that provides customers with the ability to connect locations via Permanent Virtual Circuits for data transmission.

GCI is discontinuing the offering of this service because of decreasing market demand for this service, along with the availability of numerous alternative service options, such as Ethernet, GCI *AdvantageIP*, and Dedicated Internet Access Service, which are more efficient in handling high speed data over wide area networks. These next generation technologies that provide higher bandwidths and a wider range of applications have substantially replaced Frame Relay service in the marketplace. The vast majority of GCI's prior Frame Relay customers have already switched to one of these alternative service offerings, and only two customers still utilize GCI's Frame Relay Service.

Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(3)):

Between July 28 and August 1, 2016, GCI sent the attached notification to both of its remaining Frame Relay customers (*see* Attachment A). These notifications include several alternative services that customers may use to replace the Frame Relay service offering, and GCI

has discussed an array of transition options with both customers. Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U.S. mail to the public utility commission and governor of the affected state, and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(4)):

GCI is a non-dominant provider with respect to the service to be discontinued.

Questions about this Application may be address to Tim Stelzig, General Communication, Inc., 1900 L Street, NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 503-2851.

Conclusion:

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the discontinuance of the offering of Frame Relay service due to lack of demand and the availability of more efficient, alternative service offerings. GCI respectfully requests that the Commission approved its Section 63.71 Application to discontinue the offering of the service option discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tim Stelzig
General Communication, Inc.
1900 L Street, NW Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

August 5, 2016

ATTACHMENT A



July 29, 2016

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

re: Notice of Discontinuance of GCI's Frame Relay Service

Dear [REDACTED]

To create ongoing value for our customers GCI continually reviews product and service trends to stay on the forefront of technology. As part of our effort the GCI operating companies described in Appendix A plan to discontinue Frame Relay services in Alaska.

GCI Frame Relay is a packet data service which provides customers with the ability to connect locations via Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs) for data transmission. As technology has evolved customers have migrated to services such as Ethernet and GCI *AdvantageIP* that also are efficient in handling high speed data over wide area networks. On or after September 30, 2016, subject to approval from the FCC, GCI will no longer offer Frame Relay service.

We encourage you to consider alternative services now. GCI offers a number of alternative services that may be a suitable replacement including the following:

- Ethernet
- GCI *AdvantageIP*
- Dedicated Internet Access Service (DIAS)

It is important to choose the service best suited to your needs now and in the future. Your account representative will be in contact shortly to discuss options. We very much appreciate your business and look forward to working with you to unlock the benefits our advanced service offerings can bring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Brad Spees'.

Brad Spees
Vice President

FCC Required Notice: *The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of General Communication, Inc.; and GCI Communication,*



Corp. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

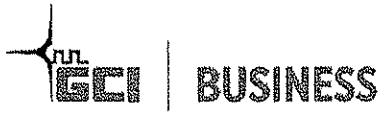
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July 10, 2016

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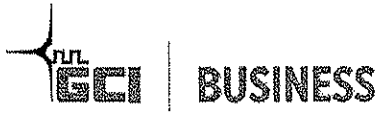
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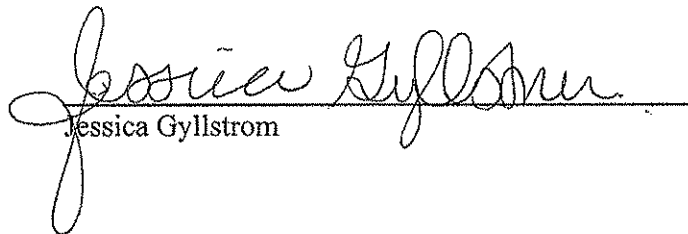
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 5, 2016, I caused the foregoing Discontinuance of Service Application to be sent by U.S. Mail to the following parties:

Secretary of Defense
ATTN: Special Assistant for
Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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